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Activities of Grégoire BERIDZE

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1. BERIDZE was reported to have left Switzerland enroute for Spanish Morocco. Source now reports that BERIDZE is in Barcelona where he is working with a group of British industrialists on the exploitation of iron mines in Spanish Morocco. It was through these British industrialists that BERIDZE put KEDIA in touch with the BIS. KEDIA met with friends of BERIDZE in Lausanne the first week of October and is reported to have returned to Geneva very bitter towards the British.

2. Source's group in Munich have stated that BERIDZE is also involved in traffic of arms. As yet it is not known for whom or to whom BERIDZE is selling the arms. One theory is that they are intended for the Orient where they will be used by Soviet controlled groups. Another is that the arms are for the International Brigades. Also it should be taken into consideration that BERIDZE and KEDIA still have many contacts in Turkey and the arms might be intended for that country.

3. Source believes that a Georgian friend of KEDIA who opened a restaurant in Madrid in 1945 and who is still in contact with SD elements in Spain, is connected with BERIDZE's present affairs. Source is trying to determine this man's name as well as to find out more about BERIDZE's present activities.

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